

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

The ~~second section (94B) of the second portion (94) of the outer perimeter edge~~ of the retainer flap (67) opposite the first section 94 or (94A) of the ~~second-first~~ portion (94) of the outer perimeter of the retainer flap (67) can be coincident with the side edge (80) of the absorbent article as in e.g. FIGURES 3 and 4, or can be spaced from the side edge (80) as in FIGURES 3A and 4A. Preferred embodiments are represented by e.g. FIGURES 3 and 4 because the configuration of the first portion (90) of the outer perimeter of the retainer flap (67), extending along the full length of the retainer flap (67) along the side edge (80) of the absorbent article, provides a greater level of containment of any body exudates adjacent the folded-over first and second portions of the outer edge while the absorbent article is being prepared for disposal. Further, the second portion (94) of the outer perimeter of the retainer flap (67), whether sectioned or not sectioned, need not be a straight line configuration, but can be any configuration consistent with the operations and functions described herein with respect to the retainer flap (67).